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SUBJECT: NEW BELGIAN PATENT LAW

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1. WE HAVE DISCUSSED SUBSTANCE OF THE REFTEL WITH A
RESPONSIBLE OFFICIAL IN THE BELGIAN MINISTRY OF ECONOMIC
AFFAIRS. HE INFORMS US THAT NEW LEGISLATION HAS BEEN
DRAFTED TO IMPLEMENT BELGIAN ACCESSION TO THE PATENT CONVENTIONS
OF WASHINGTON,EUROPE,MUNICH AND LUXEMBOURG.
THE DRAFT BILL IS CURRENTLY AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
FOR REVIEW; FROM THERE IT GOES TO THE GOVERNMENTAL CONSEIL,
DETAT,PROBABLY NEXT MONTH. AFTER APPROVAL BY THE CONSEIL,THE
BILL WILL BE SUBMITTED TO THE PARLIAMENT,PROBABLY SOMETIME THIS
FALL. IT HAS BEEN DISCUSSED WITH INTERESTED BUSINESS AND ACADEMIC
GROUPS IN BELGIUM.BUT WILL NOT BE MADE PUBLIC UNTIL PARLIAMENTARY
CONSIDERATION BEGINS.

2. THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT IS ALSO IN THE UNINITIAL DRAFTING
STAGES OF MODIFICATIONS TO EXISTING NATIONAL PATENT LAW
IN ORDER TO BRING IT INTO ACCORDANCE WITH THESE INTERNATIONAL
CONVENTIONS. THIS LEGISLATION WILL FOLLOW THE SAME PATH DESCRIBED
ABOVE. ALTHOUGH TRAILING SOMEWHAT IN TIME.

3. OUR SOURCE SAID THAT,FOR NOW,THIS DRAFT LEGISLATION

IS TO THE U.S.GOVERNMENT " OFFICIALLY"; I.E.,THROUGH THE
EMBASSY. HIS OFFICE WOULD ENTERTAIN AN INFORMAL REQUEST
FOR COPIES DIRECTLY FROM THE U.S. PATENT OFFICE,HOWEVER.
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IF WASHINGTON IS INDEED ANXIOUS TO SEE THIS LEGISLATION

BEFORE IT IS SUBMITTED TO PARLIAMENT,WE SUGGEST THAT THE
PATENT OFFICE WRITE DIRECTLY TO THE FOLLOWING OFFICIAL:
MR. SCHURMANS,DIRECTEUR DU SERVICE DE PROPRIETE
INTELLECTUEL,MINISTÈRE DES AFFAIRES ECONOMIQUES,
24-26 RUE DE MOT, 1040 BRUSSELS.
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